

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FIVE MARY A. HOSTETTLER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Warrant Officer Five Mary A. Hostetler on her retirement from the United States Army Reserve and to recognize the tremendous contributions of her 40 years of service to our Central Coast and country.

Chief Hostetler has a special connection to the Central Coast, receiving degrees from Monterey Peninsula College and the University of California, Santa Cruz. She has also worked as a Supervisory Criminal Investigator for the Presidio of Monterey and as a Police Officer for the Seaside and Sand City Police Departments, all located in my congressional district.

In 2003, Chief Hostetler deployed for the first time to Iraq. There, she provided security to the Presidential Envoy to Iraq, L. Paul Bremer. Not only was this her first deployment, but she also distinguished herself as the first woman to provide protective services in a combat zone.

After her deployment to Iraq, she served as the team officer in charge of the protective detail for former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, my father. Her service to my family is greatly appreciated by my parents, my two brothers and me. There is nothing more awe inspiring than public servants who are willing to place themselves in harm's way for the protection of others. I know my family joins me in commending Mary for her forty years of public service to our nation, and wishing her the very best for a well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA GOLDEN FOR HER COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mrs. Virginia Golden, a dedicated volunteer and resident of Buffalo, New York. Virginia's tireless service is recognized today by None Like You/We Care Outreach and the City of Buffalo.

Virginia is a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo and is a proud mother and grandmother. Virginia worked for 37 years as a human service provider at various agencies and retired as the director of rehabilitative service at an adult residence program.

Mrs. Golden is a member of a number of organizations in the Buffalo community and is an active advocate for the beautification of the

community, environmental justice and adult education. She volunteers her time tutoring and educating those in low income communities. She had shown her devotion to education by working with youth over the summer and with the None Like You/We Care Outreach program to improve their reading and writing skills and helps students who want to attend college.

Virginia is a member of the None Like You Community Outreach board and volunteers to improve the quality of life in our community by aiding in the conversion of empty lots into gardens and clean green space, turning abandoned houses into homes, and working on clean-up initiatives with local colleges. She's worked with United Way and their Day of Care project for the past 7 years and is an active member of the Clean Air Coalition and Neighbors and Friends Fighting for Justice.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Mrs. Virginia Golden and her admirable dedication to the City of Buffalo. Her commitment to education and the rehabilitation of the community is exceptional, and she is most deserving of this recognition by None Like You/We Care and the City of Buffalo.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, on February 13 through 16, 2017, circumstances beyond my control necessitated my absence from the House and I, therefore, am requesting a leave of absence from the House.

IN HONOR OF KATHY McLAUGHLIN'S SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Ms. Kathy McLaughlin of Prescott, Arizona. Kathy is an accomplished and respected former law enforcement officer whose career has resulted in a series of firsts for women serving on the force in Arizona. Her distinguished service is deserving of all of our admiration.

Kathy's career in law enforcement began in 1977, when she was hired as Yavapai County's first female fulltime patrol deputy. She excelled in the role. Having proven her place on the force, she was transferred in 1987 to Black Canyon City and promoted to sergeant. This promotion provided Kathy the second first of her career, as no other woman had served as a patrol supervisor in Black Canyon City until then. In 1998, while stationed in Prescott,

Kathy was promoted to Lieutenant. Kathy prioritized community engagement and trust while in the line of duty, a necessity in smaller, rural communities. She played a key role in the introduction and implementation of Yavapai County's Volunteers in Protection program in 1994, which to this day recruits qualified and trained citizen volunteers to participate in uniformed patrols.

Following her service on the police force, Kathy transitioned to serving as the Executive Director of the Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network. Kathy's track record of excellence continued on into this role, which she held until her retirement last year. From her position at the helm of the Network, Kathy leveraged her organizational abilities and her tremendous compassion for the plight of victims of sexual and physical abuse to deliver resources and training to advocacy centers across Arizona. Kathy and her amazing career serve as a beacon of civic duty and care for one's community, and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to recognize her today.

REMEMBERING THOMAS O'CONNOR

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a great fourth-generation Texan, Thomas Marion O'Connor of Victoria, Texas, who passed away recently at the age of 94.

Like his family before him who settled in Refugio County in the 1800s, Mr. O'Connor was a true Texan, a cattleman and a devout Catholic. He lived his life with gusto, practicing exemplary land stewardship, philanthropy and commitment to his community—traits he passed on to his children and grandchildren. He was also an American hero, serving during World War II in the United States Army Air Corps, the precursor to the United States Air Force.

Mr. O'Connor was well known in the community for his philanthropic endeavors, providing support to the church, the arts, schools, local health care systems and more. He was a leader in the community and an active board member for many different groups representing broad interests like agriculture, banking and education. He leaves behind a loving family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who share his love for community and spirit. I offer my condolences to his family. Mr. O'Connor will be missed.

THE ABO GROUP

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Abo Group, Inc. for

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being honored as the Minority-Owned Business of the Year by the West Chamber of Commerce.

The Abo Group is a full service architectural firm providing design, project management, construction documentation and administration, historic preservation, space planning, master planning and facility assessments. Earning wide recognition for sustainable design, the firm incorporates the highest possible energy efficiency technologies in their designs.

For more than 20 years, The Abo Group has designed highly specialized laboratories to meet LEED "Gold" standards at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden, CO. In 1999, the Thermal Test Facility at NREL won the ASHRAE Award of Excellence for Energy Efficient Design. The firm has also completed a Master Plan for the ultimate buildout of NREL's South Table Mountain Campus in Golden.

I extend my deepest congratulations to The Abo Group for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT GARCIA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a good friend and colleague, Mr. Robert Garcia, better known as "Bobby," who passed away on January 25, 2017. Bobby was an influential leader and trailblazer in New York, first serving the people of the South Bronx as a representative in the New York State Assembly and as the first Puerto Rican in the New York State Senate. His decade-long career in the U.S. House of Representatives began when he was elected to Congress in a special election on February 14, 1978 on the Republican and Liberal tickets to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Congressman Herman Badillo. He took his seat on February 21, 1978 as a Democrat.

Bobby played an instrumental role in several local, national, and international initiatives and served New York for more than 25 years. His legacy of public service will not be forgotten.

Bobby was born in the Bronx in 1933 to Puerto Rican parents. His dedication to serving his country was demonstrated at a young age when he served overseas during the Korean War in the U.S. Army's Third Infantry, earning two Bronze stars. He attended college under the GI Bill, and then began a career in public service.

Bobby's political career is highlighted by his dedication to fight against inequality, intolerance and injustice. He worked on issues such as immigration reform, voting rights, Puerto Rico, economic opportunities, and U.S. policy towards Central America. Representing the South Bronx, Bobby is remembered as a significant reformer and a leader for those whose voices were too often lost. While in Congress, Bobby served on the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee. He also sat on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, where he championed the Garcia Amendment to the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 to ensure the recruitment of minorities for the civil service.

During his time in Congress, Bobby was a co-founder of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, which allowed the Hispanic community to gain national recognition in Congress and helped develop young Latinos to be the next generation of leaders in America. In addition, he co-sponsored the bill establishing a national holiday to commemorate the life of civil rights hero Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bobby also advocated to transform the South Bronx district through federal funding, jobs and projects. He co-authored the Kemp-Garcia Enterprise Free Zone Bill as an initiative to attract businesses to areas faced with severe depression, unemployment, and poverty.

Bobby also had a profound respect for and a deep understanding of religious and spiritual development for others, and was active in several Christian organizations.

Bobby received numerous awards and recognition for his pioneering work and was an outstanding citizen, a transformational leader in New York, and an important voice for the Hispanic community. Garcia was a pioneer and a legend in the Latino community, and those that knew him will never forget him. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our former colleague, Robert Garcia, for his service, leadership, and accomplishments. He will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING DONNA GORITY ON RECEIVING THE 2017 RESPECTED CITIZEN AWARD

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Donna GORITY on receiving the Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission's (CBRC) Respected Citizen Award for 2017.

This is not the first time I have had the honor to congratulate Mrs. GORITY. I had the privilege of congratulating her on her retirement in 2012 for 28 accomplished years in public office. Mrs. GORITY, the first female member of the Blair County Board of Commissioners, is well known in central Pennsylvania for her extensive track record of dedicated service, advocating strongly for children and human services, and being a loud voice for the citizens of Blair County on all community issues.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that Donna, in her usual manner, has not slowed down. In fact, Mike Hofer, the Executive Director of the CBRC, said that it is possible Donna may be busier now since before her retirement in 2012. This example set by Donna is one we all should strive for. Her willingness to serve her community and Pennsylvania, especially as a private citizen, sets her apart as an outstanding individual and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

Mrs. GORITY will be honored February 25, 2017 with the Respected Citizen Award by the Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission at the 8th Annual Community Classic Dinner and Auction at the Bavarian Hall in Altoona. I congratulate Donna and her family on this recognition, and thank her for her extraordinary contributions to the community. I ask that all of

my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Donna for this achievement and wishing her nothing but continued success.

EMAIL PRIVACY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support to H.R. 387, the Email Privacy Act.

Enacting the amendments outlined in this bill will provide a much needed update to the Electronic Communication Privacy Act of 1986 (ECPA). ECPA paved the way for protecting the rapidly advancing field of electronic communications. Although this law made headway in assuring the privacy of the telecommunications of Americans, electronic communications have far outpaced the current regulation.

The provisions of the Email Privacy Act reaffirm the rights granted Americans by the Fourth Amendment. Citizens should not be subjected to unlawful search and seizure of their private property. The communications of Americans are personal and private and must be treated as such by our government. H.R. 387, however, recognizes that circumstances may require law enforcement to move quickly and require access to electronic communications. Preserving law enforcement's ability to preserve records, to delay notification to subscribers that a warrant is out for their data, and by requiring timely responses to warrants reflects the security concerns expressed during the Judiciary Committee markup. Ensuring law enforcement has probable cause in order to access stored email, texts, and photos, while also providing the above exceptions and flexibility to the rule balancing the needs of law enforcement and public safety with the right to individual privacy.

Calls for reform have come from both sides of the aisle. Upholding the Fourth Amendment is not a partisan issue and I am overjoyed to see my colleagues from both parties standing by this bill. Failing to pass the Email Privacy Act endangers the principal values of our Republic. Our constituents have entrusted us, not only as their Representatives, but as defenders of the Constitution and the rights of all Americans.

The passage of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act will engender confidence in both law enforcement and privacy laws as Americans will know their emails will only be accessed if there is cause. I strongly urge my colleagues to vote Yes on the resolution.

RECOGNIZING YURI HRESHCHYSHYN FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Yuri Hreshchysyn,